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11. (C/NF) Australia may be among the first 30 countries to bring the Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions into force according to Gerry McGuire, Director, Counter-Proliferation Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. McGuire advised that the Parliamentary review process is moving more quickly than expected and it is possible new legislation could be drafted and passed by mid-year.

12. (C/NF) McGuire also advised that the Japanese have consulted with Australia and other countries on what criminal penalties will be adopted, including incarceration and financial penalties. He noted with interest that the Japanese are proposing to use contract employees to move cluster munitions around on U.S. bases in Japan to avoid contravening the Convention's handling prohibitions.

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